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In re application of

Confirmation No. 7898

Norikazu SUGAYA

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Serial No. 10/526,742

Group Art Unit 1746

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Examiner Zeinab E. El-Arini

METHOD FOR PRECLUDING ELUTION:
OF LEAD AND NICKEL FROM COPPER
ALLOY PLUMBING HARDWARE, SUCH
AS VALVES AND TUBE COUPLINGS, THE
COPPER ALLOY PLUMBING HARDWARE,
AND LIQUID FOR RINSING
THE PLUMBING HARDWARE

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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1746

## **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 24, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: